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ALLOTMENT OF DEFENCE LAND TO SOCIETIES AND ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence land has been allotted to societies, organisations etc. on lease basis;

(b) if so, the level at which the approval is given and the purpose thereof;

(c) the details of persons, organisations, societies to whom the defence land has since been allotted alongwith the duration and the rate thereof; and

(d) the number of applications pending for allotment of defence land on lease basis?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Army has been in occupation of a vast area of land for more than hundred years. Since then, some pieces of land have been given on lease to various organisations/agencies like State Governments/Public Sector Undertakings, Registered Societies, welfare organisations and clubs, etc, for different purposes viz social, religious, sports, public utility services, establishment of educational institutions, agriculture etc, by the competent authorities prescribed from time to time. In all these cases, period of leases and rents are determined depending upon the nature of the organisations/societies to whom the land is leased and the purpose of lease. The period of lease varies from 5 years to perpetuity depending upon the organisation to whom and the purpose for which lease is given.

(e) About 60 applications have been received at various levels for allotment of defence land on lease basis.